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## New Tonkin Inquiry To Call McNamara

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 -The Senate Foreign Relations committee decided today to reexamine the Administration's account of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents by calling Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara for further testimony.

The effect of the committee's action was to elevate what t had been a personal staff j study ordered by its chairman, Senator J. W. Fulbright of Are kansas, into a formal invest tigation of an episode that n proved to be critical in Amerif can involvement in the Viet-

The Gulf of Tonkin incidents, in which two American de-

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stroyers reportedly came under attack by North Vietnamese PT boats in early August of 1964, became a turning point in the war. In retaliation, the Administration ordered the first bombing raids against North Vietnam and obtained Congressional approval of a resolution endorsing "all necessary measures" taken by the Administration to prevent "further aggression" in Southeast Asia.

Now, three and one half years later, the Senate committee is questioning whether the Administration presented or was aware of all the facts in the reported attacks when it asked Congress for the resolu-tion, which Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzen-bach was later to describe as "a functional equivalent" of a declaration of war against North Vietnam.

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The committee obviously was destroyers came under attack, approaching the Tonkin inquiry, although there are some doubts which has been under considing to statements by crew members, uncovered works with among committee members which has been under considerable considerable caution.

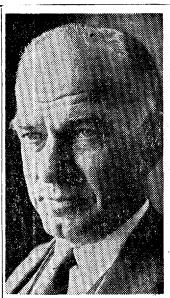
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returns questions as to whether the Administration had contrack before ordering, some eight hours later, retaliatory and presenting Congress the next day with the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

The committee is seizure of an American intelligence that prior to the Aug disclosed that prior to the Aug 2 attack, the Maddox had beer zigzagging in and out of the comments of Senator J. 12-mile territorial waters claimed by North Vietnam. The maneuvers of the destroyer, combined with the committee was questioning that would indicate questioning the Administration's integrity in Maddox was on an electronic intelligence mission similar to

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attack, which took place on the night of Aug. 4, 1964, against the destroyers Maddox and Turner Joy. The first attack, about which there is no question, took place in daylight on Aug. 2 against the Maddox.

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As committee members privately explained, they did not the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the midst of a war in Vietnam and another crisis involving the seizure of an American intelligence ship by North Korea.

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tee's decision, Senator Fulbright said the committee wanted Mr. McNamara to appear to "review certain aspects" of the Tonkin incidents. When pressed by reporters as to precisely what the commit-tee wanted to "review" with Mr. McNamara, Senator Ful-bright repeatedly replied: "I don't want to discuss that." But Senator Eugene J. Mc-

Carthy of Minnesota, who is campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination in protest against the Administration's Vietnam policies, was less inhibited in discussing the committee's objectives.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Senator McCarthy said among other things that the committee wanted to find out if the destroyers were on "a routine mission in international waters," as was repeatedly asserted by Mr. McNamara when he testified Aug. 6 in support of the Tonkin Resolution.

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